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U.S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX
ALL URBAN CONSUMERS

(1967 = 100)

	Annual Average 1983	Jan. 1984	Dec. 1983	Jan. 1983	Percent Change from Dec. 1983	Percent Change from Jan. 1983	Percent Change Projected on Annual Basis
All Items	298.4	305.2	303.5	293.1	0.6	4.1	7.4
Food & Beverage	284.4	291.6	286.5	280.7	1.8	3.9	23.9
Housing	323.1	329.2	327.4	317.9	0.5	3.6	6.2
Apparel and Upkeep	196.5	196.4	199.3	191.0	−1.5	2.8	−19.6
Transportation	298.4	306.0	306.3	293.0	−0.1	4.4	−1.2
Medical Care	357.3	369.5	366.2	347.8	0.9	6.2	11.4
Entertainment	246.0	249.9	249.5	241.5	0.2	3.5	2.4

PRODUCER PRICE INDEX
UNITED STATES AVERAGE

(1967 = 100)

	Annual Average 1983	Jan. 1984	Dec. 1983	Jan. 1983	Percent Change from Dec. 1983	Percent Change from Jan. 1983
All Commodities	303.1	308.1	306.0	299.9	0.7	2.7
Farm Products and Processed Foods and Feeds	253.9	264.4	257.8	245.8	2.6	7.6
Industrial Commodities	315.8	319.2	318.4	313.9	0.3	1.7

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT

	Jan 1984	Dec 1983	Jan 1983
FARGO–MOORHEAD SMSA			
Total	67,630	64,040	66,530
Mining and Construction	2,350	2,610	2,090
Manufacturing	4,510	4,520	4,010
Transportation, Communication, and Public Utilities	3,640	3,790	3,780
Wholesale Trade	6,470	6,570	6,730
Retail Trade	11,880	12,390	11,530
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	3,930	3,950	3,810
Services	16,260	16,410	15,200
Government	13,770	13,800	13,370
GRAND FORKS SMSA			
Total	26,230	27,540	25,380
Mining and Construction	910	1,050	870
Manufacturing	3,280	3,290	3,170
Transportation, Communication, and Public Utilities	1,540	1,600	1,570
Wholesale Trade	1,170	1,300	1,140
Retail Trade	5,960	6,430	5,870
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	990	1,010	980
Services	5,880	5,950	5,560
Government	8,300	8,880	8,060
BISMARCK SMSA			
Total	34,740	35,560	33,800
Mining and Construction	1,710	2,020	1,700
Manufacturing	1,890	1,940	1,920
Transportation, Communication, and Public Utilities	2,790	2,840	2,810
Wholesale Trade	2,420	2,460	2,390
Retail Trade	6,990	7,310	6,530
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	1,650	1,660	1,650
Services	9,630	9,640	9,080
Government	7,660	7,690	7,780

MANUFACTURING HOURS AND EARNINGS

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Jan. 1984	Dec. 1983	Jan. 1983	Jan. 1984	Dec. 1983	Jan. 1983	Jan. 1984	Dec. 1983	Jan. 1983
United States									
Manufacturing	366.43	373.27	341.43	40.4	41.2	39.2	9.07	9.06	8.71
Durable	396.34	404.04	367.62	41.2	42.0	39.7	9.62	9.62	9.26
Nondurable	325.40	330.42	307.64	39.3	40.1	38.6	8.28	8.24	7.97
North Dakota									
Manufacturing	299.09	301.07	286.15	38.1	38.5	37.8	7.85	7.82	7.57
Durable	321.31	320.58	297.52	38.9	39.0	37.9	8.26	8.22	7.85
Nondurable	284.63	289.17	278.60	37.5	38.2	37.7	7.59	7.57	7.39
Fargo-Moorhead SMSA									
Manufacturing	319.71	314.93	292.16	38.8	38.5	38.8	8.24	8.18	7.53
Durable	316.92	315.93	272.25	38.0	37.7	36.3	8.34	8.38	7.50
Nondurable	321.87	314.34	299.34	39.3	39.0	39.7	8.19	8.06	7.54

LABOR FORCE

	Jan 1984	Dec 1983	Jan 1983	Percent Change from Dec 1983	Percent Change from Jan 1983
UNITED STATES					
(In Thousands)					
Labor Force	115,902	113,824	112,344	0.1	1.4
Employment	104,876	104,629	100,821	0.2	4.0
Unemployment	9,026	9,195	11,523	1.8	-21.7
Unemployment Rate	7.9%	8.1%	10.3%	—	—
NORTH DAKOTA					
Labor Force	298,260	294,660	291,200	1.2	2.4
Employment	274,830	276,080	268,290	-0.5	2.4
Unemployment	23,430	18,580	22,910	26.1	2.3
Unemployment Rate	7.9%	6.3%	7.9%	—	—
FARGO-MOORHEAD SMSA					
Labor Force	73,410	73,730	70,440	-0.4	4.2
Employment	69,180	69,960	66,060	-1.1	4.7
Unemployment	4,230	3,770	4,380	12.2	-3.4
Unemployment Rate	5.8%	5.1%	6.2%	—	—
GRAND FORKS SMSA					
Labor Force	28,200	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Employment	26,550	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Unemployment	1,650	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Unemployment Rate	5.9%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
BISMARCK SMSA					
Labor Force	39,400	38,090	38,050	3.4	3.5
Employment	35,790	35,180	34,900	1.7	2.6
Unemployment	3,610	2,910	3,150	24.1	14.6
Unemployment Rate	9.2%	7.6%	8.3%	—	—

U.S. data seasonally adjusted; other data not seasonally adjusted

The Fargo-Moorhead SMSA includes Cass and Clay counties; the Grand Forks SMSA includes Grand Forks county and the Bismarck SMSA includes Burleigh and Morton counties

NORTH DAKOTA EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY

	Jan 1984	Dec 1983	Jan 1983
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment	244,790	252,330	240,990
Mining	7,370	7,550	7,150
Crude Petroleum and Natural Gas	5,910	6,020	5,690
Other Mining	1,460	1,530	1,460
Construction	12,920	15,230	13,010
Manufacturing	15,060	15,150	14,700
Durable Goods	6,050	6,110	5,580
Nondurable Goods	9,010	9,040	8,620
Transportation, Communication, and Public Utilities	16,050	16,520	15,910
Trade	63,690	66,800	63,350
Wholesale	19,160	19,830	19,710
Retail	44,530	46,970	43,640
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	11,910	12,050	11,690
Services	55,970	56,380	54,400
Government	61,870	62,650	61,230
Federal	9,450	9,490	9,240
State	18,440	19,150	18,080
Local	33,930	34,010	33,910

LABOR FORCE
by County, by Region
January 1984

		1980 Population	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment Number	Unemployment Rate
1	Divide	3,494	1,350	1,282	68	5.0%
	McKenzie	7,132	3,079	2,886	193	6.3%
	Williams	22,237	12,380	11,423	957	7.7%
	REGION 1 TOTAL	32,863	16,809	15,591	1,218	7.2%
2	Bottineau	9,338	3,645	3,332	313	8.6%
	Burke	3,822	1,757	1,584	173	9.8%
	McHenry	7,858	2,927	2,490	437	14.9%
	Mountrail	7,679	3,086	2,746	340	11.0%
	Pierce	6,166	2,720	2,532	188	6.9%
	Renville	3,606	1,309	1,239	70	5.3%
	Ward	58,392	23,589	21,509	2,080	8.8%
	REGION 2 TOTAL	96,863	39,033	35,432	3,601	9.2%
3	Benson	7,944	2,855	2,425	430	15.1%
	Cavalier	7,636	3,037	2,698	339	11.2%
	Eddy	3,554	1,579	1,364	215	13.6%
	Ramsey	13,048	6,241	5,759	482	7.7%
	Rolette	12,177	4,662	3,925	737	15.8%
	Towner	4,052	1,866	1,762	104	5.6%
	REGION 3 TOTAL	48,411	20,240	17,933	2,307	11.4%
4	Grand Forks	66,100	28,205	26,554	1,651	5.9%
	Nelson	5,233	2,402	2,109	293	12.2%
	Pembina	10,399	5,234	4,618	616	11.8%
	Walsh	15,371	7,372	6,818	554	7.5%
	REGION 4 TOTAL	97,103	43,213	40,099	3,114	7.2%
5	Cass	88,247	45,388	43,339	2,049	4.5%
	Ransom	6,698	2,522	2,345	177	7.0%
	Richland	19,207	8,194	7,755	439	5.4%
	Sargent	5,512	2,261	2,069	192	8.5%
	Steele	3,106	1,154	1,086	68	5.9%
	Traill	9,624	4,131	3,996	135	3.3%
	REGION 5 TOTAL	132,394	63,650	60,590	3,060	4.8%
6	Barnes	13,960	5,701	5,235	466	8.2%
	Dickey	7,207	3,119	2,940	179	5.7%
	Foster	4,611	1,943	1,787	156	8.0%
	Griggs	3,714	1,437	1,325	112	7.8%
	LaMoure	6,473	2,248	2,083	165	7.3%
	Logan	3,393	1,232	1,143	89	7.2%
	McIntosh	4,800	2,117	1,986	131	6.2%
	Stutsman	24,154	11,035	10,152	883	8.0%
	Wells	6,979	3,103	2,744	359	11.6%
	REGION 6 TOTAL	75,391	31,935	29,395	2,540	8.0%
7	Burleigh	64,811	26,857	24,591	2,266	8.4%
	Emmons	5,877	2,052	1,767	285	13.9%
	Grant	4,274	1,387	1,258	129	9.3%
	Kidder	3,833	1,367	1,142	225	16.5%
	McLean	12,288	4,964	4,302	662	13.3%
	Mercer	9,378	10,813	10,112	701	6.5%
	Morton	25,177	12,542	11,200	1,342	10.7%
	Oliver	2,495	868	767	101	11.6%
	Sheridan	2,819	1,000	923	77	7.7%
	Sioux	3,620	1,232	1,092	140	11.3%
	REGION 7 TOTAL	124,572	63,087	57,158	5,928	9.4%
8	Adams	3,584	1,679	1,625	54	3.2%
	Billings	1,138	659	623	36	5.5%
	Bowman	4,279	1,970	1,874	96	4.9%
	Dunn	4,627	1,646	1,455	191	11.6%
	Golden Valley	2,391	1,086	1,002	84	7.7%
	Hettinger	4,271	1,657	1,516	141	8.5%
	Slope	1,157	394	365	29	7.4%
	Stark	23,697	11,206	10,173	1,033	9.2%
	REGION 8 TOTAL	45,098	20,299	18,635	1,664	8.2%
STATE TOTAL		652,695	298,266	274,834	23,432	7.9%